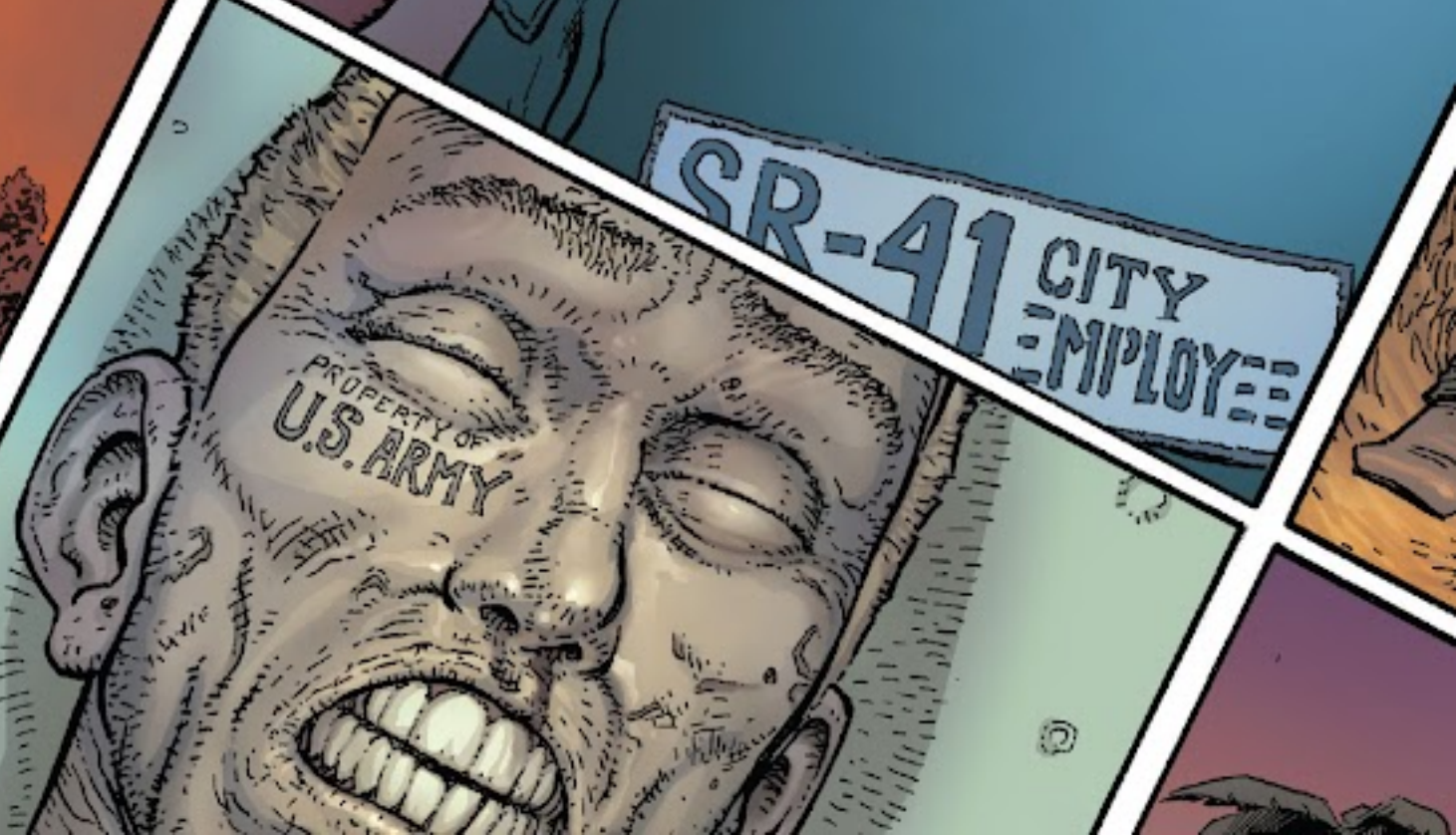
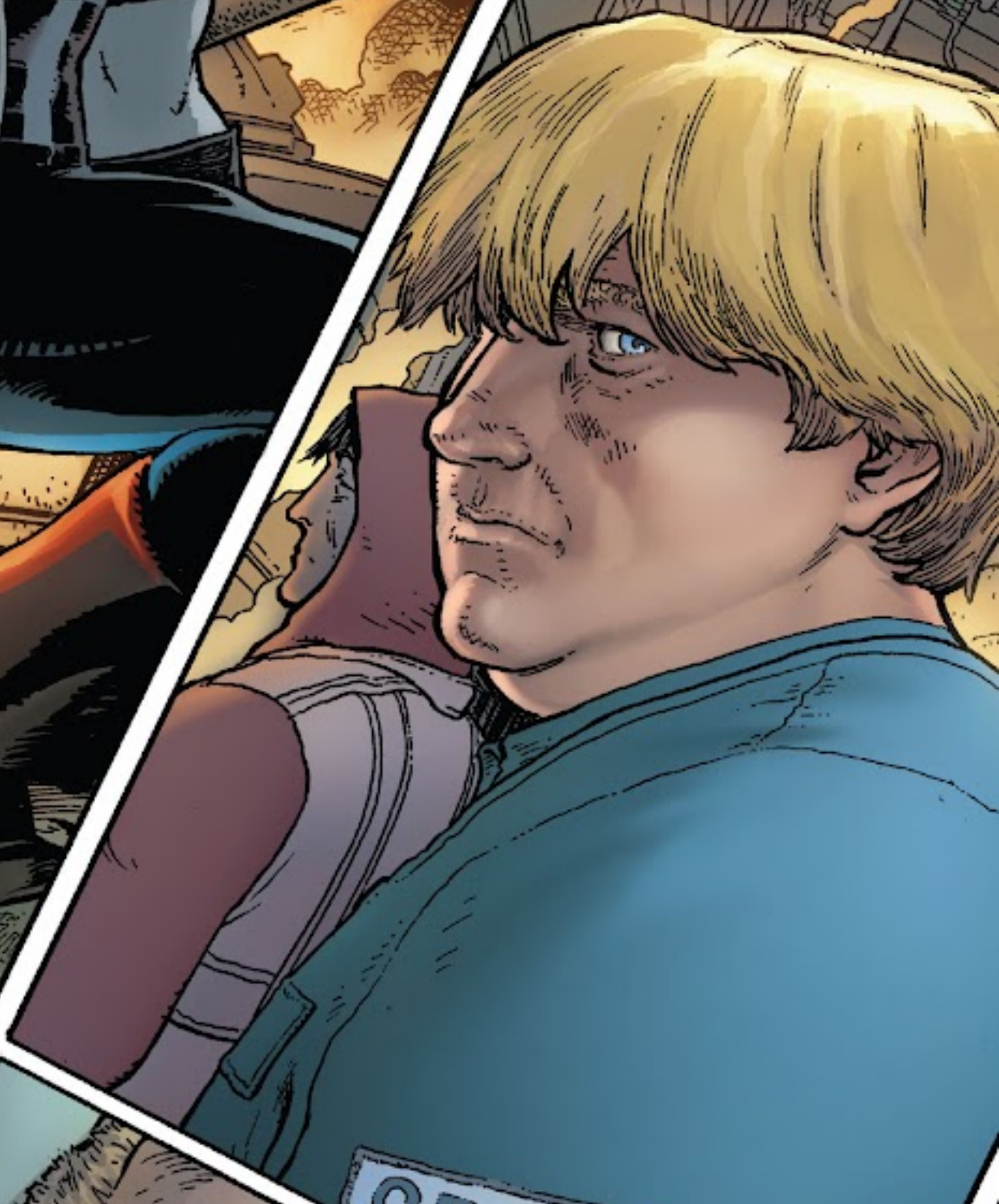


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DAY 1



UM. IS ANYONE...?

I DON'T KNOW WHERE THIS... I DON'T KNOW WHERE I AM.



HELLO? MY...NAME IS STEVE.



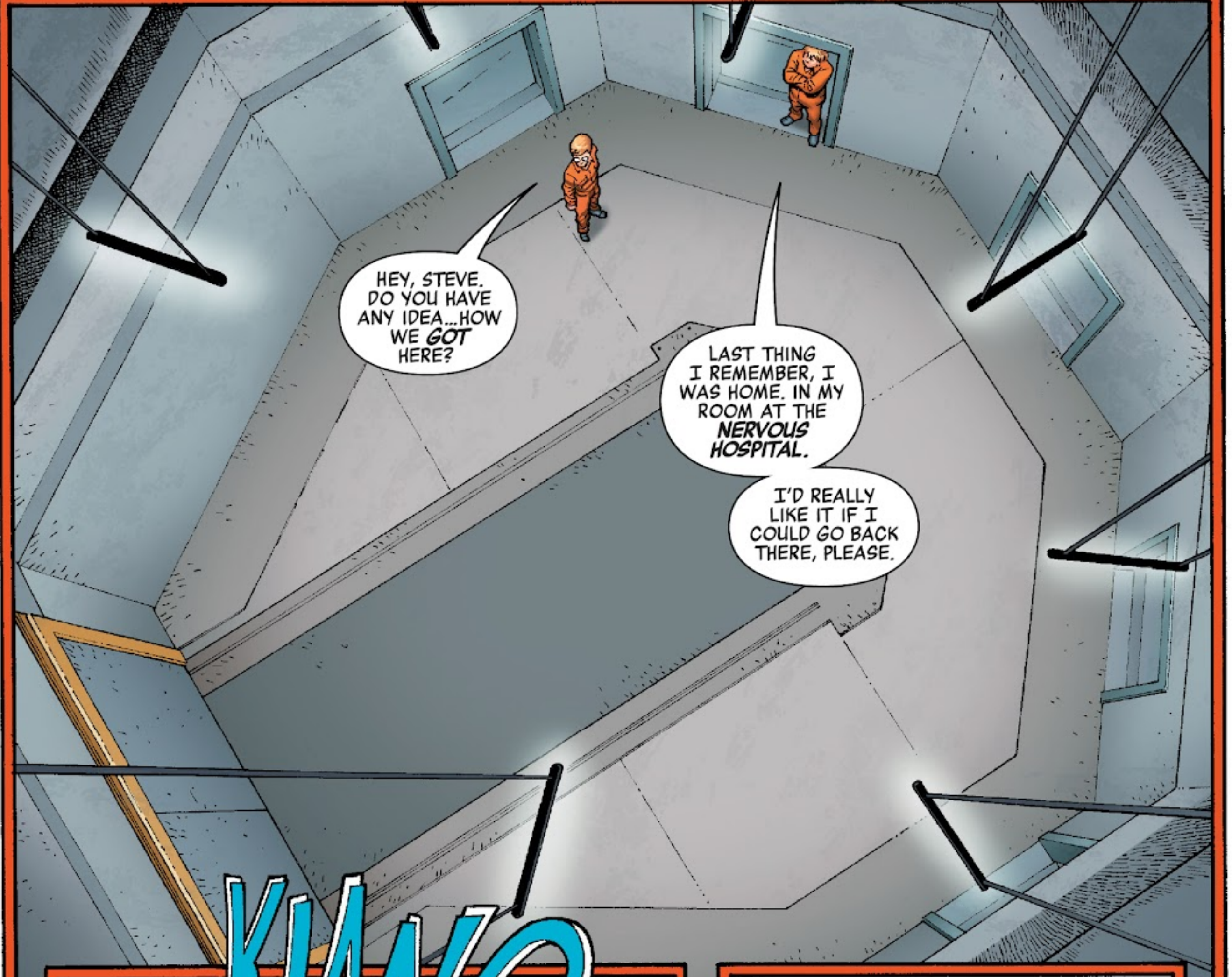
STEVE?

OH, GOLLY. THAT'S... FUNNY.



I'M STEVE TOO.





HEY, STEVE.
DO YOU HAVE
ANY IDEA...HOW
WE *GOT*
HERE?

LAST THING
I REMEMBER, I
WAS HOME. IN MY
ROOM AT THE
NERVOUS
HOSPITAL.

I'D REALLY
LIKE IT IF I
COULD GO BACK
THERE, PLEASE.

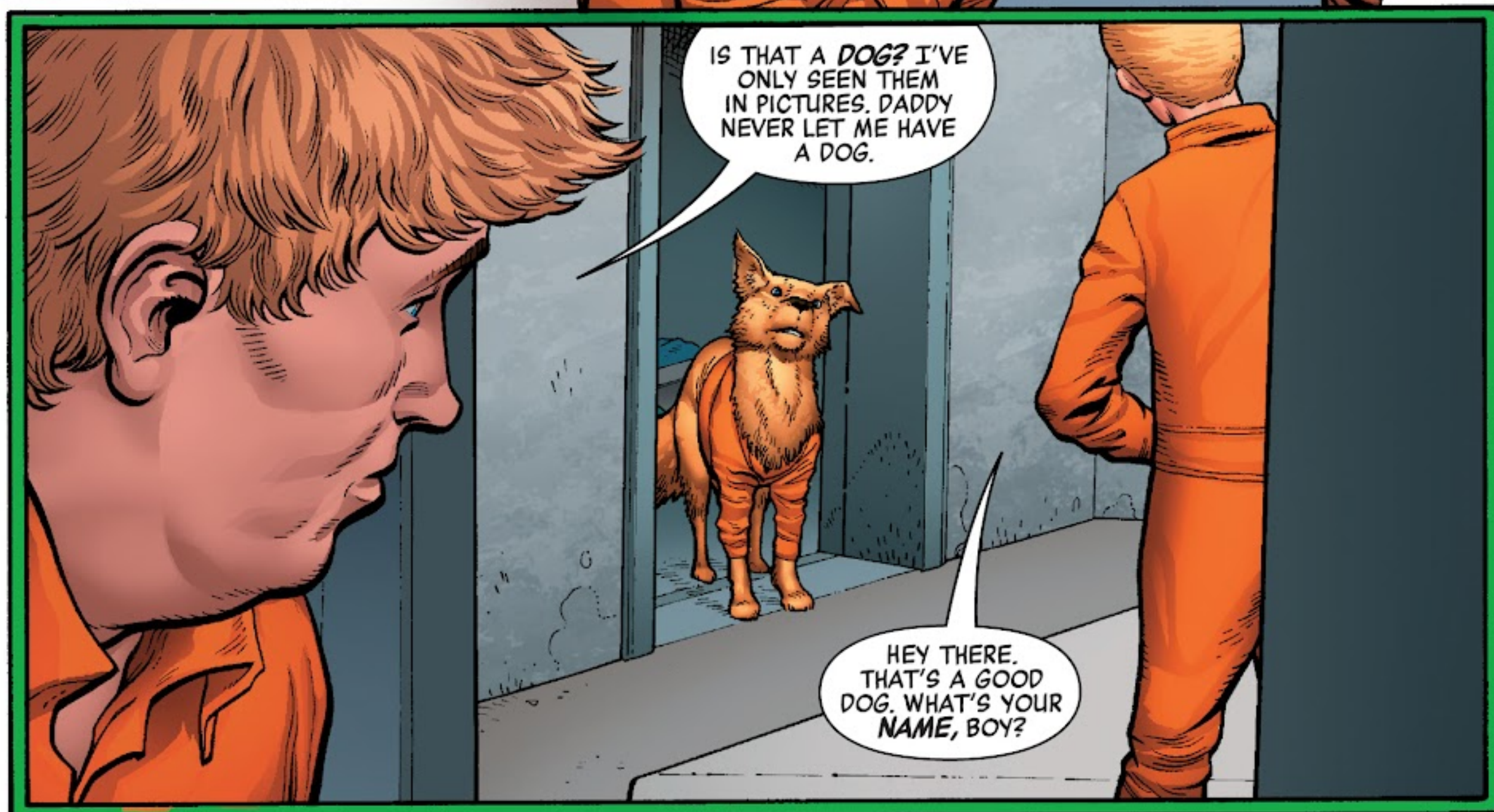
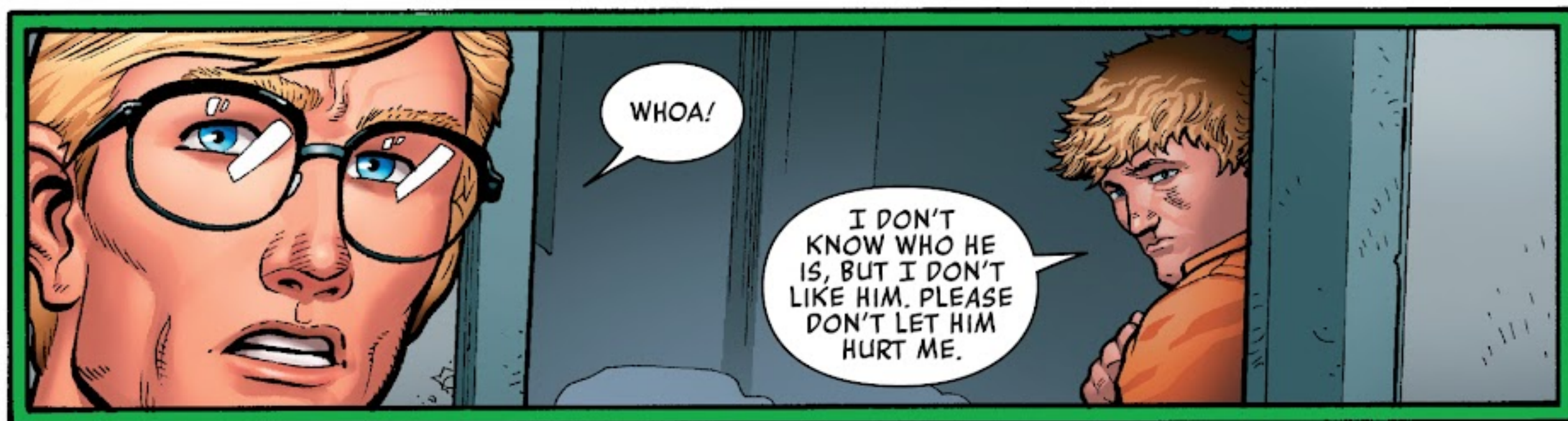
KLANG



HELLO?



GGRRROOOAAGGH!!!



KLUNG

HI?
WHO ARE
YOU?

DON'T
TELL ME...

ASK
HIM WHAT
HE SAW.

OBSTACLES
CLIMBED OVER A
FEW. LIGHTS WERE
FLASHING.

THEN
SOMEBODY HIT
ME. NEVER SAW 'EM
COMING. FELT LIKE
THEY WERE DRIVING
A MACK TRUCK.

SEE? I
TOLD YOU WE
SHOULDN'T
LEAVE OUR
CELLS.

HELLO! WILL
SOMEONE PLEASE
TELL US WHY
WE'RE **HERE?!**

STUPID
BUNCHA
STEVES.

DON'T
KNOW ABOUT
Y'ALL... BUT THIS
IS **EXACTLY**
WHAT I
DESERVE.

"THIS HERE
IS **HELL.**"

And there came a day, a day unlike any other, when the mightiest Avengers of many Earths found themselves united against a common threat--to fight the foes no single universe could withstand!

AVENGERS FOREVER



STEVE ROGERS



STEVE ROGERS



GHOST RIDER



ANT-MAN



STEVE ROGERS



STEVE



DEATHLOK

The **Multiversal Masters of Evil**, a group comprised of the deadliest villains of their respective worlds, have been making their way through the Multiverse, conquering countless universes. An unlikely group of **Avengers** from different realities has formed to oppose the villains: An unlikely group of Avengers from different realities--**Robbie Reyes**, the All-Rider from Earth-616, a **Deathlok** dispatched by the mysterious **Avenger Prime** and **Tony Stark**, the **Ant-Man** of Earth-818--has formed to oppose the villains.

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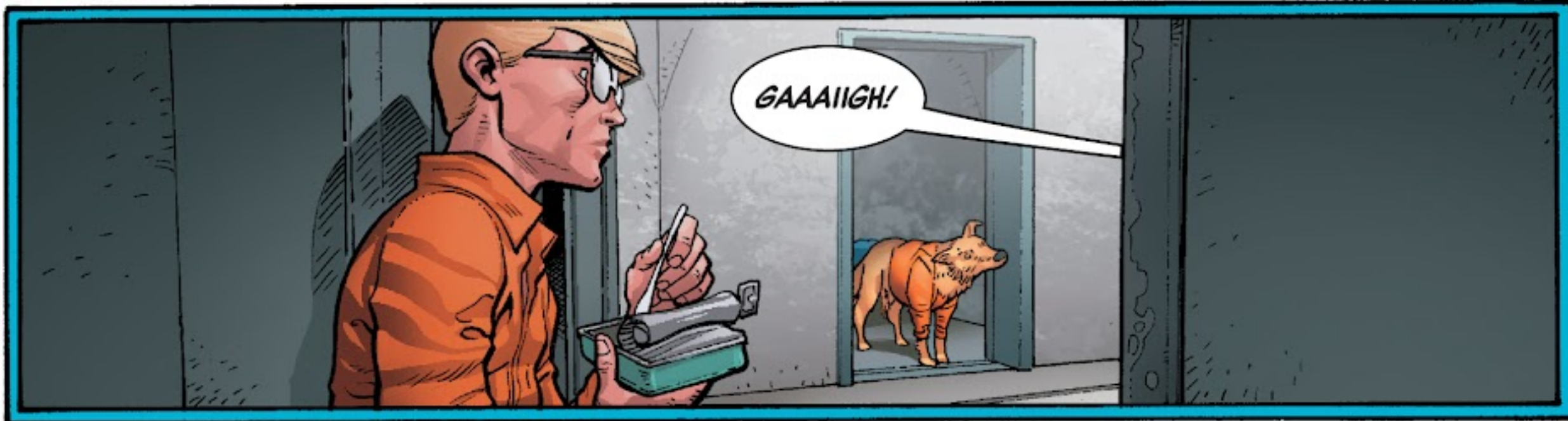
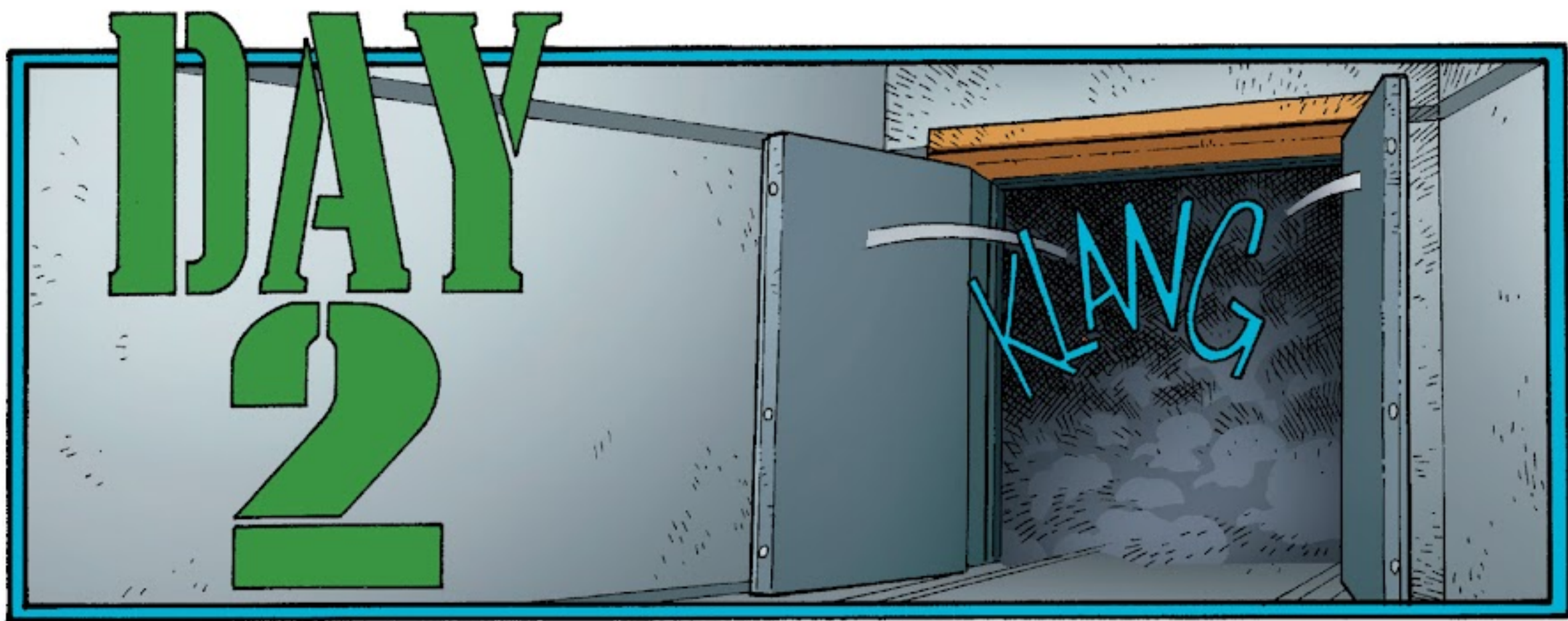
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MY NAME IS
STEVE ROGERS
AND I AM A
POLITICAL
PRISONER!

BECAUSE
I REFUSED TO
TAKE PART IN YOUR
ILLEGAL WAR! YOU
FASCISTS WILL
NOT BREAK ME!



THIS IS
SO WEIRD.
WE'RE **ALL**
NAMED STEVE
ROGERS?

THE DOG
IS TOO. HE
TOLD ME.



HE SAYS
NONE OF US
ARE IN OUR RIGHT
UNIVERSE.

HE'S SCARED.
HE'S NEVER BEEN
AROUND THIS MANY
TWO-LEGGERS,
EXCEPT IN A
ZOO.

STEVE,
WHAT'S THE
LAST THING YOU
REMEMBER BEFORE
YOU WOKE UP
HERE?



IT WAS A
USUAL NIGHT. I
WAS CRYING UNDER
THE COVERS AND
WISHING I WAS
DEAD.

AND THEN...
THERE WAS
SOMEONE IN MY
ROOM. I COULDN'T
SEE THEM...BUT I
KNEW THEY WERE
THERE.

AND
THEN I WAS
HERE.

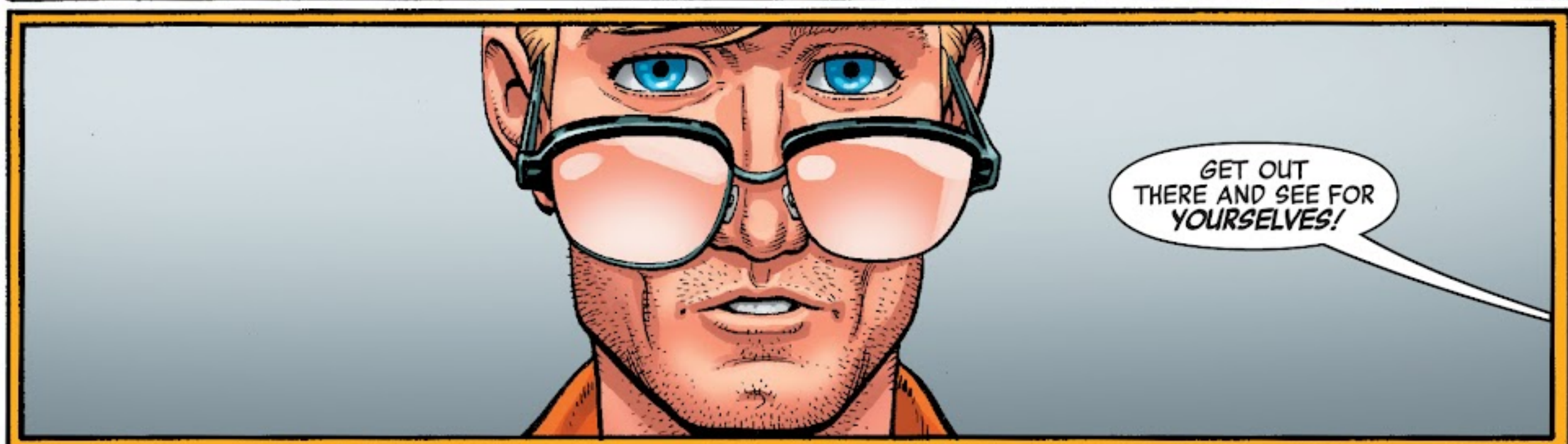
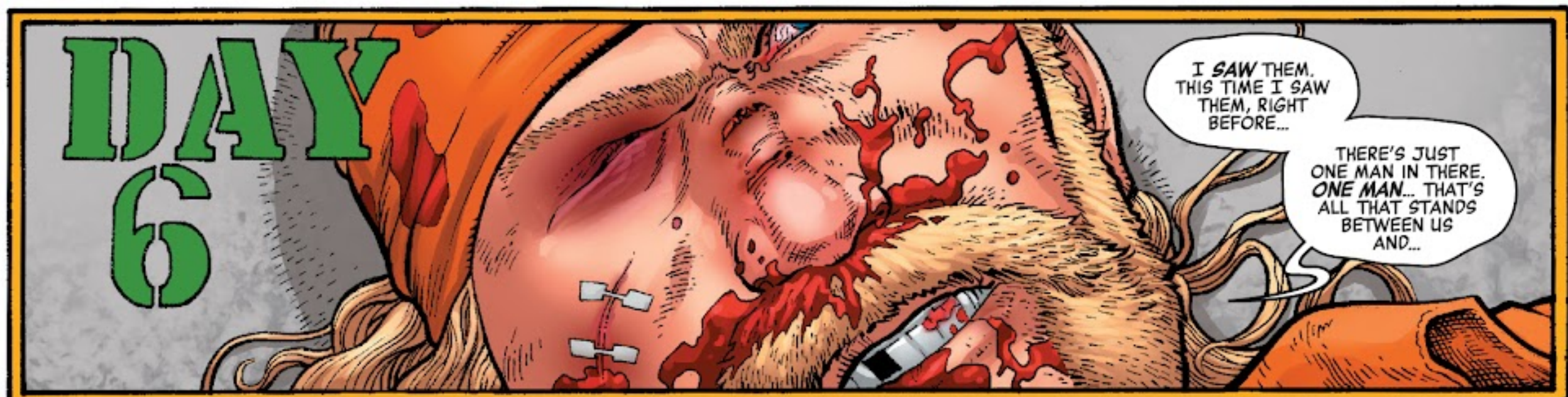
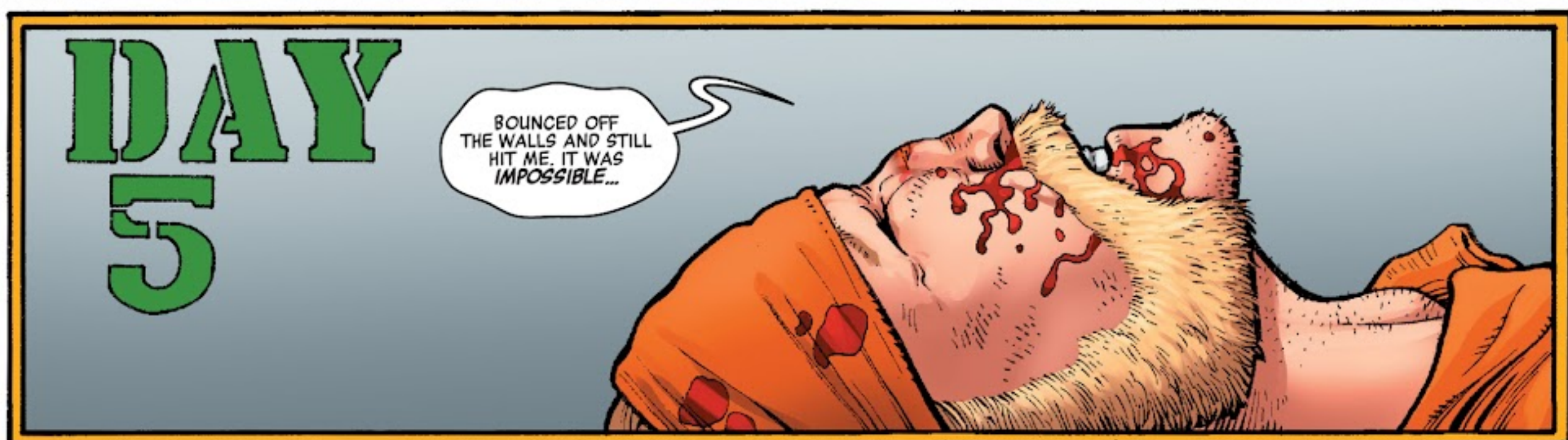
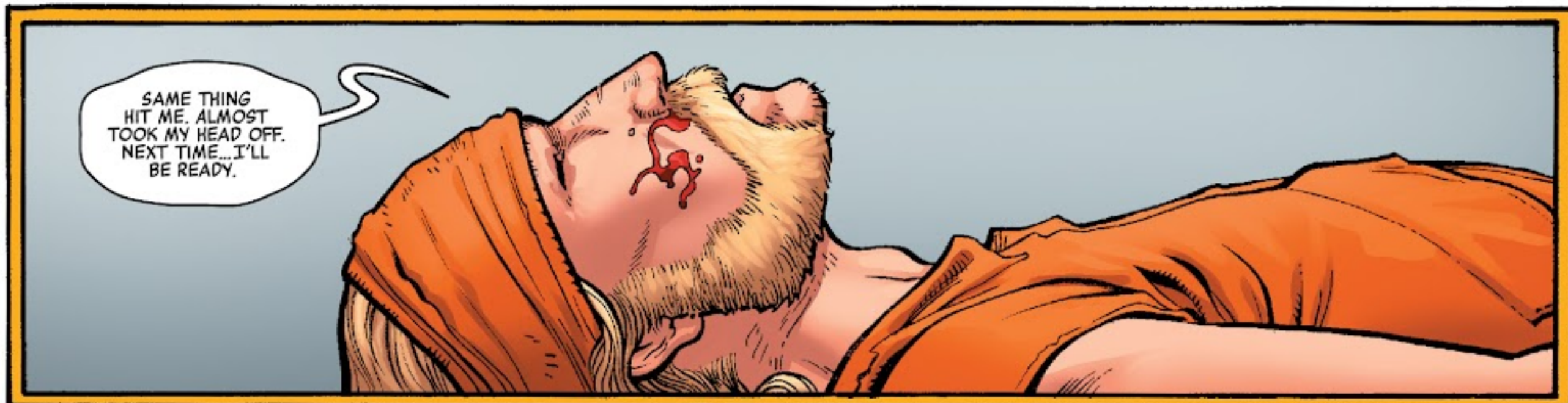


I WAS WORKING.
DRAWING PAGES FOR
TALES OF SUSPENSE. I
THOUGHT I HEARD A
CAR PULL UP RIGHT
OUTSIDE.

BUT I
LIVE ON THE
34TH FLOOR.



MAYBE HE'S
RIGHT. THE OLD
GUY WHO WON'T
COME OUT OF HIS
CELL. MAYBE
THIS IS...



DAY 11



≡BARK≡
≡BARK≡
≡BARK!≡

STEVE
SAYS YOU
SHOULDN'T
GO.

HE SAYS
YOU'RE GOING
TO DIE.



BETTER TO DIE OUT
THERE THAN IN HERE
WITH YOU *GUTLESS
LOSERS!*

YOU
HEAR ME
IN THERE,
*OLD
MAN?*



I'M
NOTHING
LIKE THE REST
OF YOU
STEVES!

GOT THAT
RIGHT.



KLANG



SHOULD
WE...TRY
TO STOP
HIM?

≡BARK!≡

YOU'RE
RIGHT, STEVE.
WE SHOULD
JUST STAY IN
OUR--



STEVE!





DAY 14



DAY 15



DAY 16

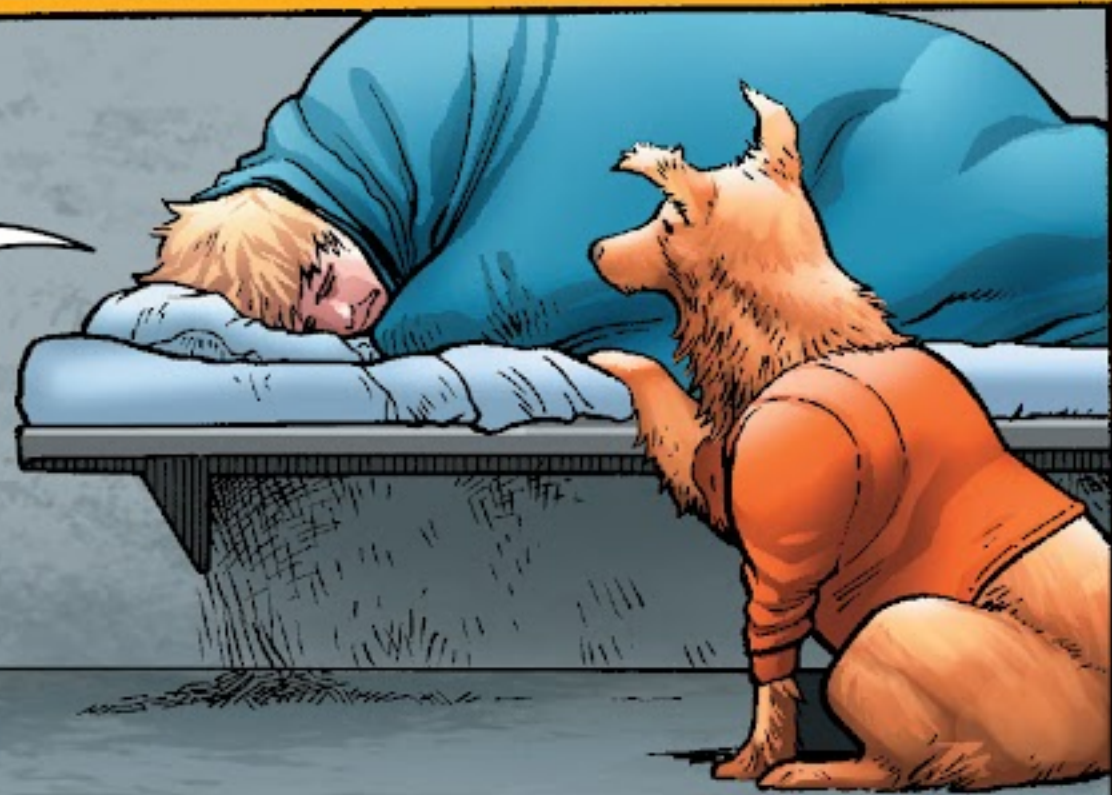


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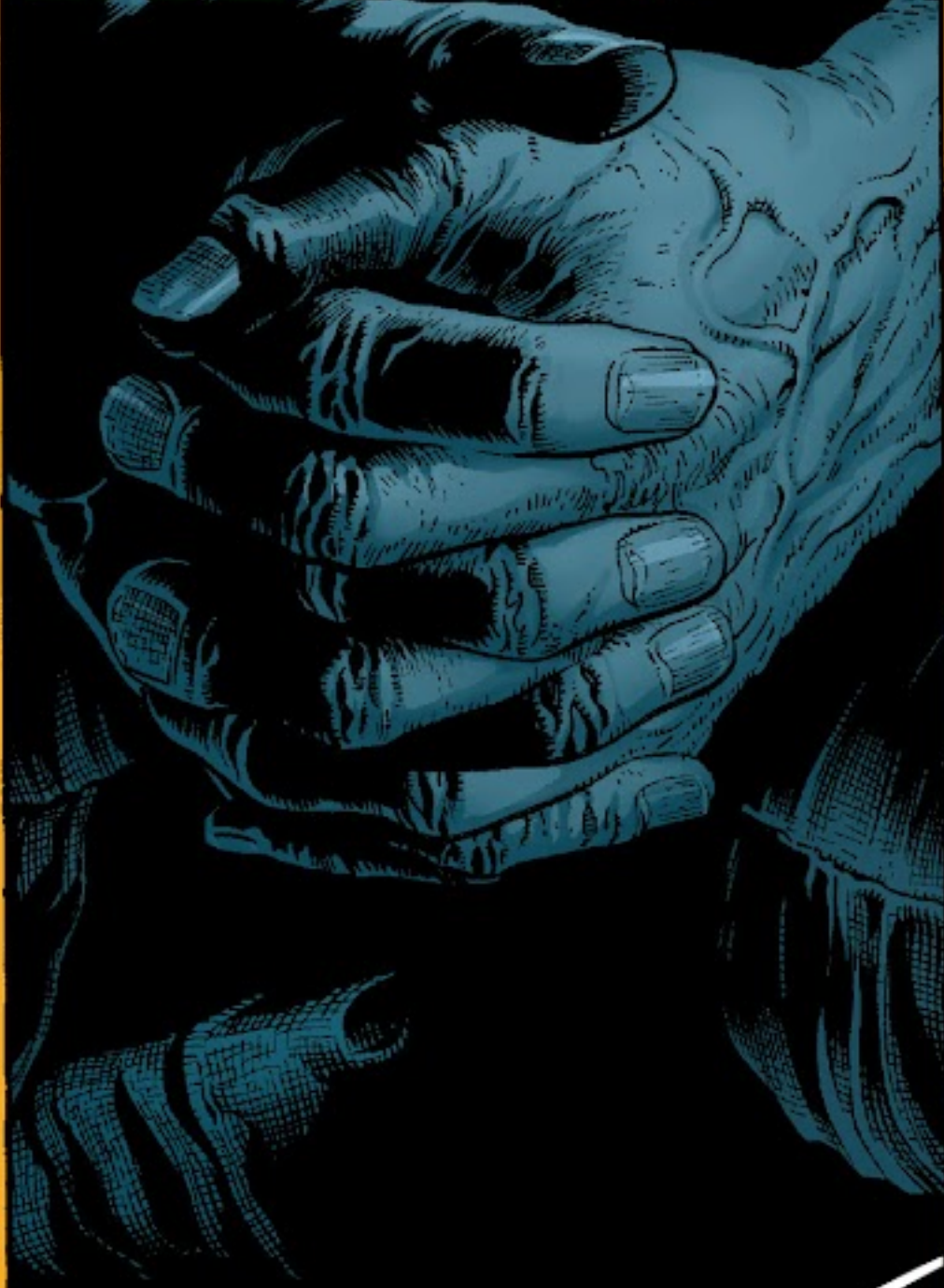


NO...NO,
YOU'RE WRONG,
I'M **NOT** STRONG. I
WAS NEVER STRONG
ENOUGH WHEN
DADDY WOULD...

PLEASE
LEAVE ME
ALONE,
STEVE!



DAY 18



YOU
KNOW
SOMETHING,
DON'T
YOU?

YOU KNOW
WHAT'S **OUT**
THERE.

THAT'S
WHAT YOU'RE
AFRAID OF.



I GOT NO
DAMN IDEA
WHAT'S OUT
THERE. WHAT
I'M AFRAID
OF...



...IS
WHAT'S IN
HERE.

"YOU CAN DO THIS.
YOU'RE STRONGER
THAN YOU THINK."



"WE ALL KNOW
THAT. WE ALL
SEE IT."



"I DON'T UNDERSTAND THE
HOW OR THE WHY, BUT I
THINK THE DOG WAS RIGHT."



"WE'RE ALL THE SAME
MAN. DEEP DOWN
INSIDE. SO THAT MEANS
IF **WE** CAN BE STRONG..."



...THEN
YOU CAN TOO.
BECAUSE WE'RE
ALL STEVES.

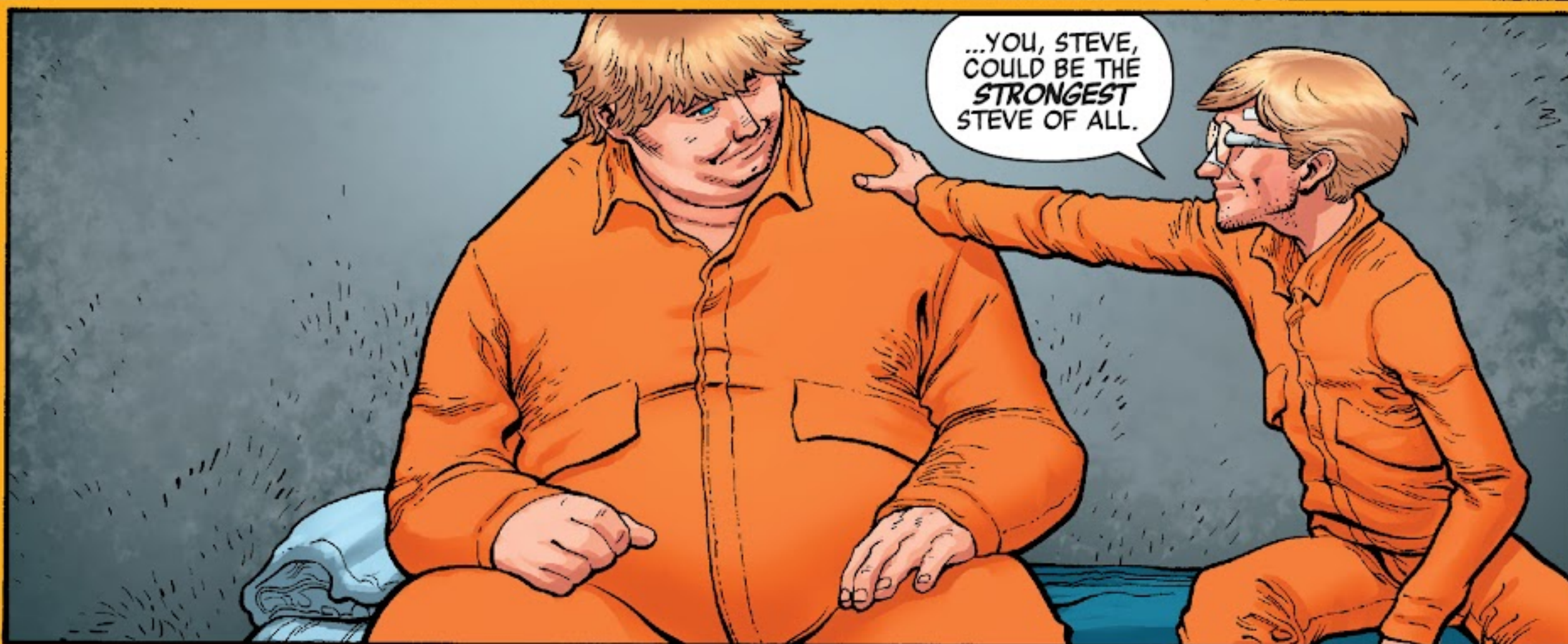


BUT YOU...
YOU'VE BEEN
THROUGH THE
MOST...

...ENDURED
THE WORST...

...AND YOU
STILL HAVE THE
BIGGEST HEART OF
ANY OF US. THAT
MEANS YOU...

...YOU, STEVE,
COULD BE THE
STRONGEST
STEVE OF ALL.





GOD
HELP US.

TELL ME
EVERYTHING
YOU SAW.

AND I'LL TELL
YOU HOW WE'RE
GETTING THE HELL
OUTTA HERE.

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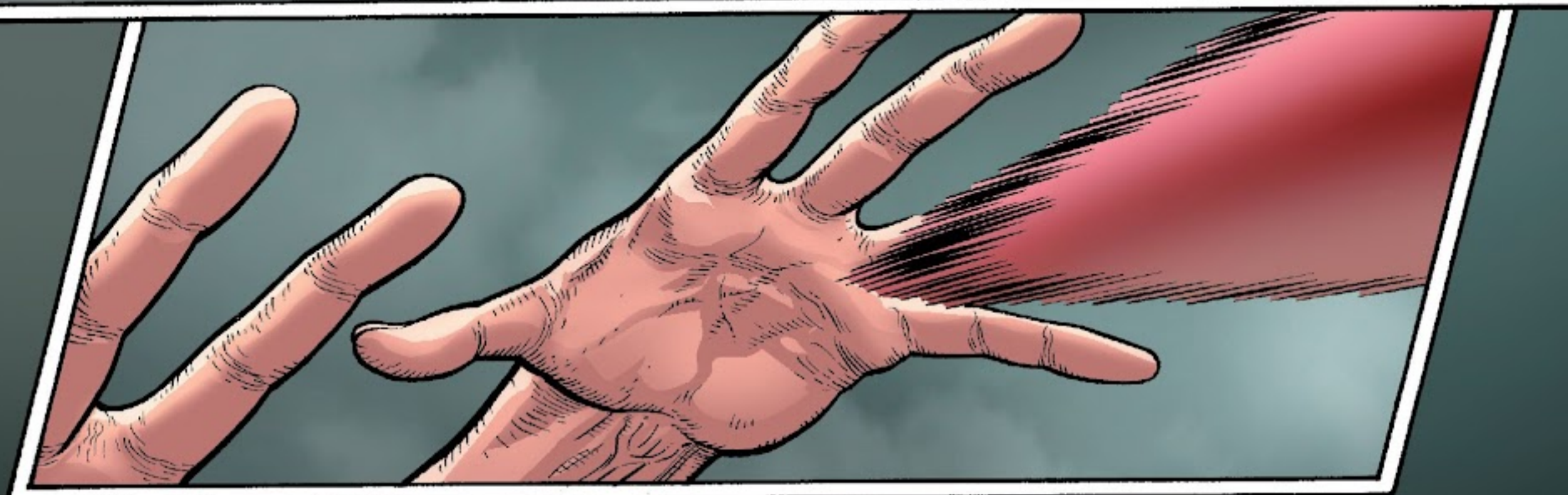
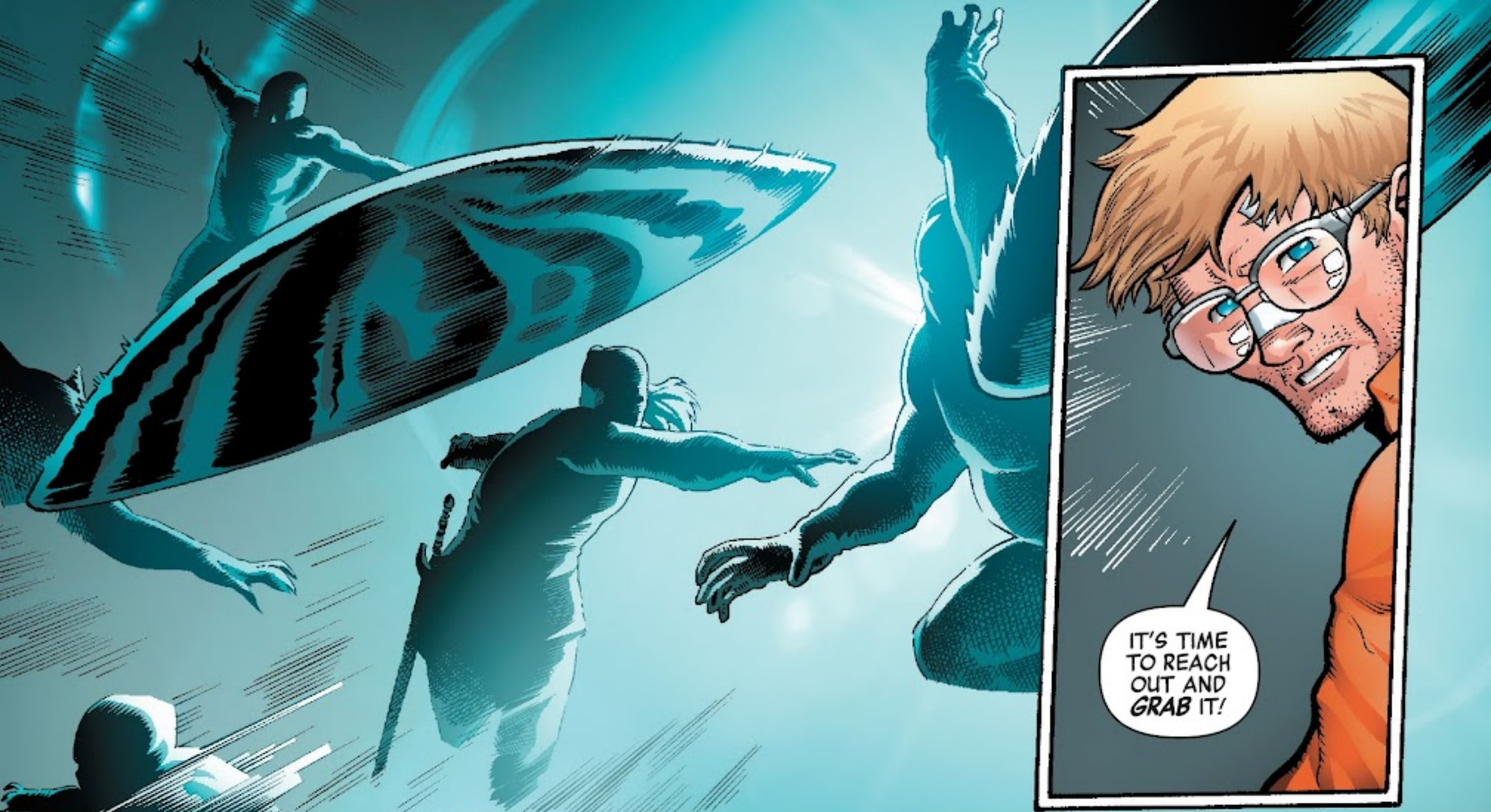
DAY 33



THIS
IS IT! BE
READY!

THERE'RE
FIVE OF THEM
THIS TIME! WHAT
DO WE DO?!

THIS IS
OUR MOMENT,
STEVES!





CONGRATULATIONS,
STEVES.

YOU ALL
JUST PASSED
THE FIRST STAGE
OF YOUR **BOOT**
CAMP.

BUT
LET ME TELL
YOU...



...IT ONLY GETS HARDER FROM HERE.

BECAUSE THERE'S A WAR TO FIGHT.

AND WE NEED EVERY **STEVE ROGERS** WE CAN GET.



NOT ENOUGH.

I DON'T KNOW--I MEAN, WE GOT **WEAPON AMERICA** TO FINALLY POP HIS CLAWS AGAIN. THAT'S NOT NOTHING.

WE'LL NEED MORE.

THEN
LET'S HIT THE
ROAD.

'LOK,
WHAT ELSE
YOU GOT?

I AM DETECTING
STEVE ROGERS
ENERGY ON EARTH-
49978. LOCAL
RECORDS SHOW HE
HAS NEVER LIFTED
HIS SHIELD.

INSTEAD, HE BECAME
A DRIFTER WHO WAS
ACCIDENTALLY CAUGHT
IN A GAMMA BOMB
EXPLOSION.

OH, THAT'S
A STEVE WE
DEFINITELY NEED
TO MEET. FIRE IT
UP, ROBBIE.

"WE GOT
AN ARMY
TO BUILD."

STEVE
ROGERS
WAS HERE



AVENGERS ASSEMBLE

Welcome back, fellow travelers of the Multiverse! Thank you for continuing to write in and share your thoughts on this epic journey we're taking together--let's see what you have to say about our latest issues!

Dear Tom, Annalise and Martin,

It was interesting to learn more about the Goddesses of Thunder in AVENGERS FOREVER #4. When I saw them in the first issue, I thought they were new characters, but apparently they're not. And in the letters page, I find out that all of those crazy versions of Avengers characters from the cover of #1 have actually appeared somewhere before too. Damn, I used to know all of this stuff! Has my Marvel knowledge gotten rusty?

I'm looking forward to witnessing how the Masters of Evil will respond to the loss of a world and especially the shame of having the Black Skull so soundly defeated by our expanding crew of Multiversal Avengers. Let me guess, they won't take it lying down. Good thing more reinforcements are on the way.

Sincerely,
Lars Meyer
Germany

Glad you're enjoying the ride, Lars! As you wrote, the Multiversal Masters of Evil are definitely not the "forgive and forget" types, so it's a safe bet that their response to recent events is going to be unpleasant.

Just read AVENGERS FOREVER #1 via MU and let me say it hope-ing ROCKS! Robbie Reyes' Ghost Rider is unspeakably badass, the Earth's Mightiest Losers look fantastic and the whole premise just rocks. And to think we've got months more of the adventures of the Multiversal Avengers--how absolutely A!

Cannot wait for more--keep rocking! Peace and love, and I hope all are enjoying their mags.

Jessica

"Fetch" might have failed, but you're totally going to make that Earth-818 lingo happen, Jessica!

When Ghost Rider spits in the eye of the Black Skull, that's a very cool scene.

When Robbie Reyes says, "I vomit chains. I crush War Machine metal and the brittle human bones beneath," that's great writing.

By issue #3, you've assembled the weirdest Avengers ever. Tony Stark as Ant-Man. A half-built Vision who is Tony's childhood friend. Mariama Spector, a female Moon Knight. A totally brutal Wonder Man. A really weird Ben Grimm, now cast as the Infinity Thing. And don't get me started on this alternate Deathlok we're seeing.

So, no, I can't tell you all of the Avengers on the cover of issue #1. But I can tell you this one thing: This is some of the best Avengers writing (and concepts) ever seen.

Keep up the good work.

'Nuff said.

Rabbi Steven Lebow
Senior Rabbi Emeritus
Marietta, GA

Thank you for the kind words and encouragement! The two Aarons' shared ability to think up new and weird variant Avengers is as limitless as the Multiverse itself.

That's it for now, but please keep an eye out for our next dispatch from Avengers Tower! Keep emailing us at MHEROES@MARVEL.COM and mark your messages "okay to print" for a chance to see them answered in future issues!

--Martin Prime

NEXT

**"THE FISTS OF THE
UNWORTHY THOR"**



Meet the most broken **Thor** in the Multiverse. One who helplessly watched Asgard burn and saw Midgard defiled--a Thor who cannot lift his own hammer. In desperation, he will turn to another great power, becoming a pupil of the Thunderer of mystical **K'un-Lun**, the guardian of the immortal **Iron Fist**!

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